GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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EXPORT OF COTTON
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cotton export policy followed by the Government alongwith the position of export during the last three years;

(b) whether the export of cotton has registered sharp increase during the current year;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the foreign exchange earned from the export of cotton during the current year, till date?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a): As per the prevalent policy of the Government, cotton exports from the country is allowed under Open General License (OGL) with zero duty. Further, with a view to encourage cotton export from the country, from cotton season 2005-06, the Government has been giving incentive of 1% under the Duty drawback.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. Export of cotton has registered a sharp increase in cotton season 2005-06 when the country exported a record quantity of 47 lakh bales as against 9.14 lakh bales during 2004-05. During the current year 2006-07, the cotton exports are expected to maintain the same pace. The Cotton Advisory Board has estimated cotton exports during 2006-07 at 48 lakh bales.

The details of the cotton exports from India during the last five years are as follows:

Cotton Exports by India

Year	Quantity in Lakh bales of 170Kgs	Value(Rs. /Crores)
2002-03	0.84	66.31
2003-04	12.11	1089.15
2004-05	9.14	657.34
2005-06	47.00	3712.21
2006-07	48.00 $	3791.19 $

Source: CCI
$ estimated

(d): During the current years it is expected that 48 lakh bales of cotton will be exported,at approximate value of Rs 3791.19 crore.